

Armory

Herrick Archives Number H 202

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Gymnasium and Armory

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Naval Armory

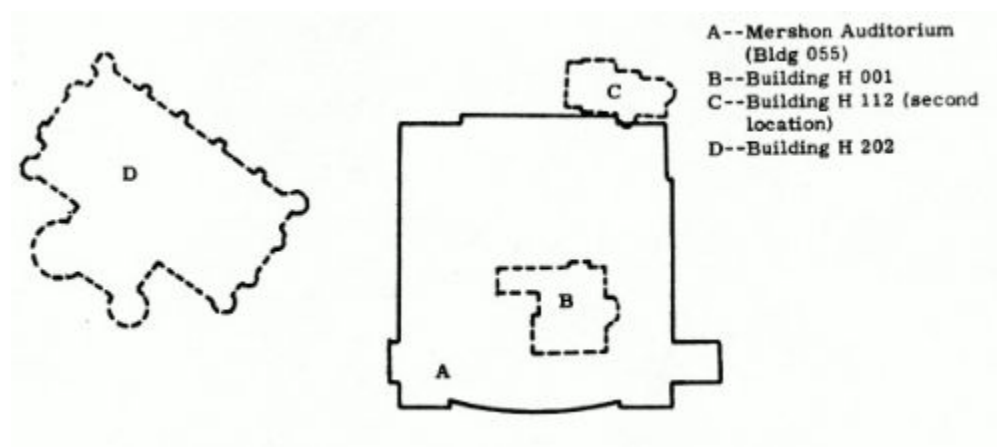
Gymnasium, Armory and Drill Hall

See Addendum No. 2, 4, 5

2. Location

2.1 Located immediately west of Mershon Auditorium (Bldg. 055). See sketch below.

See Addendum No. 1, 2



3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Wood frame with brick exterior (McC 1: 8A). The roof was supported by steel arches (author's recollection).

3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and one floor in moat of building; towers and adjacent rooms on front (south) side of building had basement and three floors (small scale plans dated January 15, 1910).

3.3 Increments of construction:

No additions.

3.4 Area of building:

39,629 square feet (McC 1: 8A).

3.5 Volume of building:

608,000 cubic feet (MCC 1: 8A).

B. PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION

1. On July 24, 1896 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by Yost and Packard and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on September 1, 1896 (T).

3. On September 2, 1896 the Board of Trustees awarded the construction contract to the Columbus Construction Co.

4. Completion and occupancy

4.1 First occupied in January 1898 (R 1901-02. Part II, p. 37).

C. DEMOLITION

1. The building was severely damaged by fire on May 17, 1958 (L 5/19/58).

2. The Board of Trustees on June 6, 1958 approved the demolition of the west wall.

3. On December 5, 1958 the Board of Trustees approved the award of the contract for demolition of the remainder of the building.

See Addendum No. 3

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The contractor abandoned the work in April 1897 and in early May the Trustees took over the task of finishing the project (R 1896-97, Part I, p. 16-19).

2. Demolition was due to damage done to the building by a fire.

E. COST

1. Listed throughout its existence at \$115, 000 (B).

F. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 7624A-H 202 is on the right; Hayes Hall (039) on the Left.

2. Other:

McC 1: 144

Hooper: 44

L 7/3/58; 1/26/59; 2/9/59--all showing various stages of demolition of building.

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August 25, 1972

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Address arbitrarily assigned for indexing purposes; 60 North Oval Drive.

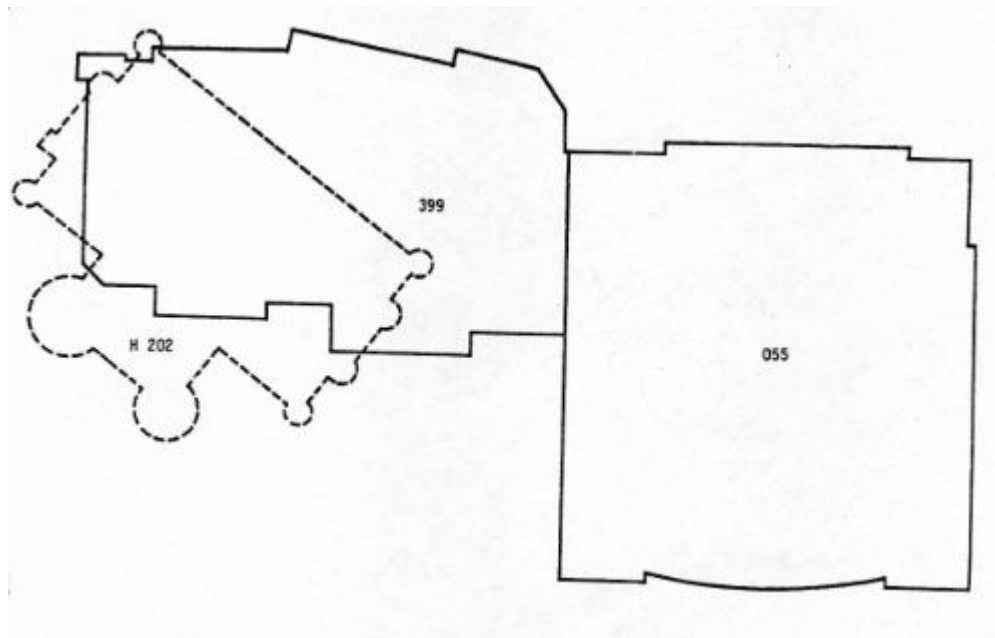
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February 17, 1976

ADDENDUM NO. 2

A note by Joseph K. Bradford on Photograph X 2223 refers to this building as the "Military Department Building."

The outline of Building H 202 shows on the plot plan for the 1977 Music Addition to Mershon Auditorium (055).

This outline is shown by the broken line on the next page.



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August 24, 1977

ADDENDUM NO. 3

The final demolition and site improvement work was done by the Cuyahoga Wrecking Co. The work was completed on March 12, 1959. (PP)

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August 4, 1978

ADDENDUM NO. 4

The Lantern on March 16, 1898 referred to this building as the "auditorium".

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April 6, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 5

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional name for this building:

Gymnasium

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November 13, 1979